

Remarks

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed October 13, 2005. Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 6-8 and 14-16. Claims 1, 5, 9, 13, and 17-20 are being cancelled, and claims 2-6, 10, 11, and 14 are being amended. In view of the following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of claims 2-4, 6-8, 10-12, and 14-16.

In the Office Action, the drawings are objected because the expression "PUT IN CARB" and its lead line with arrow were unintentionally inserted into Fig. 2. Replacement drawing sheets including corrected Fig. 2 accompanies this paper. Acceptance of the replacement drawing sheets and withdrawal of the objection to the drawings are respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the specification is objected because the word "fowling" is incorrectly used in paragraphs [0004] and [0006]. Paragraphs [0004] and [0006] are being amended to replace the word "fowling" with the word "fouling." Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to the specification is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claim 19 is objected to for an informality. Claim 19 is being amended to correct the informality. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to claim 19 is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 1-5, 9-13, and 17-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Woody et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,133,905) in view of Woody (U.S. Pat. No. 6,561,495). Claims 1, 5, 9, and 13 are being canceled. Claim 17 is being amended to include the novel subject matter of claim 6. Claims 2-4, 10-12, and 18-20 are being amended to ultimately depend from one of claims 6, 14, and 17 which are believed allowable. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-5, 9-13, and 17-20 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 6-8 and 14-16 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 6 and 14 are being rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In view of the above amendments, remarks, and enclosed replacement drawing

sheets, Applicant respectfully requests the issuance of a Notice of Allowance for claims 12-4, 6-8, 10-12, and 14-20. No additional fees for filing this response are believed to be due. However, if such fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge them to deposit account no. 17-0055.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Radler', written over a horizontal line.

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